

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval Under

Simplified Acquisition Procedures (SAP) Simplified Acquisition Threshold (\$3K to \$150K) For Restricting Competition under FAR 13.106-1(b)(1) "Single Source"

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Contracting Office (NCO) 20, Puget Sound Health Care System – American Lake Division, for the Portland VA Medical Center (PVAMC).
2. **Nature of the Action Being Processed:** This request is for the research grant: Reducing Dyskinesia in Parkinson's disease with Omega-3 Fatty Acids (RLID-PD). The contractor, Oregon Health & Science University – Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute (OCTRI), will provide outpatient and inpatient rooms, nursing, and bionutrition services to support the funded Merit Pilot Review grant from CSR&D "Reducing Dyskinesia in Parkinson's disease with Omega-3 Fatty Acids".

This action will be awarded as a new firm-fixed-price contract.

3. **Description of Supplies or Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** This procurement under Purchase Request # 648-12-3-170-0326 is for in support of PVAMC's research mission. The OHSU OCTRI employs nurses and staff has been specially trained in working with people who have movement disorders and following specific research protocols. The unit has specialized individuals who are trained to place intravenous catheters and monitor for adverse events. The unit also has specialized research rooms that are necessary in order to conduct Dr. Kathryn Chung's "Reducing Dyskinesia in Parkinson's disease with Omega-3 Fatty Acids (RLID-PD)" study. This supports the Parkinson's Disease Education, Research, and Clinical Center's (PADRECC) junior faculty member, Dr. Kathryn Chung, in conducting her Pilot Merit Review Grant that is funded by the Clinical Services Research & Development Service (CSR&D). This study will be conducted at the Portland VA Medical Center and also at Oregon Health & Science University.

The estimated base year value of this action is \$16,000.00.

The estimated total value of this action is \$32,000.00.

The period of performance is:

07/01/2012 - 06/30/2013 (Base year)

07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014 (Option year 1)

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Restriction in Competition:** The statutory authority for restricting competition under SAP, or Single Sourcing, for acquisitions under \$150,000 or Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) is 41 U.S.C. 253(c), as implemented by FAR 13.106-

1(b)(1). The specific reason for restricting competition is grant funding specific to this project only. Utilizing an organization other than for Dr. Kathryn Chung at OHSU OCTRI could cause faulty analysis and corrupt the study. This justification is where in accordance with FAR 6.001(a), acquisitions conducted under FAR 13 for SAP are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2, IAW the VHA SOP for Other Than Full And Open Competition dated 3-22-2011.

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** The Portland VA Medical Center has an Affiliate Agreement with the Oregon Health Science University. This is the only Affiliate Agreement established to provide research studies/training program with the OHSU Medical School. OHSU is the only all inclusive Medical School with the range of academic training, expertise, personnel, that meets the Federal Government requirement within the Portland, Oregon area.

This contract employs nurses and bionutrition staff that have specialized in working with people participating in research and have been trained to work with those who have movement disorders. The department has the necessary inpatient research rooms available for use in this study. The nurses are required for this research in order to administer medications, to draw blood, place intravenous lines, to monitor the safety of the administered medications (conduct EKG monitoring every ½ hour), and monitor/aid in the event of a serious adverse event or adverse event.

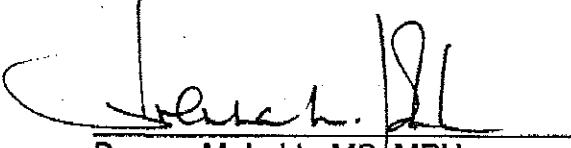
6. **Description of Efforts Made to Ensure that Offers are Solicited from As Many Potential Sources as Deemed Practicable IAW FAR 13.104:** In accordance with FAR 5.202 and VAAR 806.302-5(a)(2), this requirement is not required to be publicized as it was accepted as a research proposal. Under the Department of Veterans Affairs, Research and Development approved grant titled "Reducing Dyskinesia in Parkinson's disease with Omega-3 Fatty Acids (RLID-PD)".
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable – IAW FAR 13.106-3:** Pricing techniques as described in 13.106-3 will be utilized to determine fair and reasonable pricing. The anticipated dollar value for the contract action is for \$32,000.00. Cost or pricing data will not be required.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or Statement of Reasons Market Research was not Conducted (FAR 10):** No market research was performed based upon the justification that the contractor is written into a federally funded grant. The grant number is CX000652.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Restriction of Competition:** Utilizing an organization other than OHSU OCTRI could cause faulty analysis and corrupt the study. There are not resources available at the PVAMC to perform an inpatient research study that involves both nursing time and bionutrition resources.

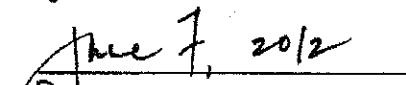
10. Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:

A sources sought was not issued due to the exceptions cited in accordance with FAR 5.202 and VAAR 806.302-5(a)(2), this requirement is not required to be publicized as it was accepted as a research proposal. No sources expressed any interest in this project.

11. Statement of Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making Subsequent Acquisitions for the Supplies or Services Required: No actions are planned. Funding and grant work is specific to the Oregon Health Science University for this research.

12. Requirements Certification - IAW FAR 6.303-2(c): I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a bonafide need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

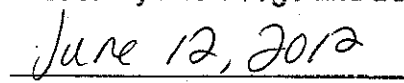

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Date

13. Approvals IAW VHA SOP 3.22.11:

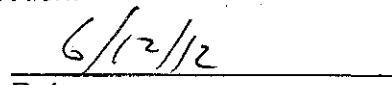
a. **Contracting Officer's Certification: (required)** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Bianca Sealey
Contracting Officer
NCO 20 Services Acquisitions Team


Date

b. **NCM/PCM/DESIGNEE:** I have reviewed the foregoing justification and find it to be complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and recommend approval for other than full and open competition.


NCO 20 Services Team Manager


Date